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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two (2) months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of October 24, 2000 to March 24, 2001.

A check for the statutory fee of \$390.00 is attached. Please charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

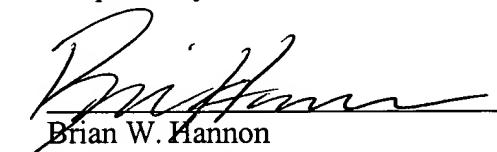
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